

COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

PROCLAMATION

JUNETEENTH

WHEREAS, the Cosumnes Community Services District promotes a welcoming environment, and is dedicated to saving lives and enriching the lives of the residents we serve; and

WHEREAS, in August 1619 the first documented African people arrived in the English colony of Virginia. They were on their way to Veracruz, Mexico, aboard a Spanish ship when they were captured off the coast of Mexico and transported to Virginia, where they were sold as involuntary laborers or indentured servants; and

WHEREAS, even after the lapse of California's Fugitive Slave Law in 1855, masters informally held enslaved people in California until 1864, and it was not until June 28, 1864, that all fugitive slave laws were officially repealed; and

WHEREAS, in 1863 President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation declaring all enslaved people "are, and henceforward shall be free"; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to take possession of the state and enforce the emancipation of its slaves. Former slaves in Galveston rejoiced in the streets with jubilant celebrations. The following day, June 19th, became known as "Juneteenth," a name derived from a portmanteau of words "June" and "nineteenth."; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas, a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics, and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement, and for planning the future; and

WHEREAS, the Cosumnes Community Services District acknowledges this shared history and commits itself to the principles of equity, and is actively dedicated to diversity and inclusion initiatives in the community

NOW, THEREFORE, the Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors does hereby proclaim June 19, 2022, as a day to commemorate:

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and urge all members of our diverse community to help further the promise of freedom and equality for all by supporting and promoting this observance.



Jaelyn Moreno, President



Gil Albiani, Vice President



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ATTEST: 

Joshua Green, General Manager / CEO